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CASE OF LAMBERT FAIRCHILD

Some New Facts on the Record of This "Religious Leader"

Lambert Fairchild, chairman of the National Committee for Religious Recovery, has a remarkable faculty for maintaining a reputation as a leader of respectable movements. The ordinary charlatan would have been discredited by one tenth of the facts that have been brought to light about Fairchild. Yet, with his waxed mustaches, black Homburg, cane and pince-nez intact, Lambert Fairchild continues to be featured in the press and elsewhere as a "prominent citizen, a former New York City Alderman, ... active in political and civic circles for many years."

On January 18 The Hour revealed that this "prominent citizen" had recently spoken at a German-American Bund meeting place to an audience composed mainly of Bund members, Christian Fronters, Paul Revere Sentinels, and other Fifth Columnists; that this meeting had been sponsored by the fascistic Committee for the Preservation of America and that he is a member of the Governing Board of this committee; that he is intimately connected with notorious anti-Semites; that his fascist-minded co-workers caustically observe, "The Lynch Mot in action is the perfect example of Pure Democracy"; that his associates have included such U. S. Quislings as Major-General George Van Horn Moseley, Allen Zoll and George Deatherage; that he has written for Father Coughlin's Social Justice; that labor-baiting is one of his favorite hobbies.

Fairchild's Current Activity

Nevertheless, in spite of these and similar revelations about Fairchild, he still successfully masquerades as a gentleman of prominence and importance.

On January 25, the New York Journal-American published a large picture of the dapper Fairchild sitting with Alfred J. Talley, former Judge of General Sessions and John B. Trevor, Jr., vice-president of the Allied Patriotic Societies, Inc. The caption to the picture stated: "Members of the Non-Partisan Forum Committee, composed of

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representative citizens, are seen inspecting mass of letters received by New York Journal and American in connection with forum for public discussion of vital questions." The Journal American had selected Fairchild, as a "representative" citizen, to serve on this committee of three for judging the mail received by the newspaper. On the evening of February 2, speaking on PM's Reader's Forum on Radio Station WMCA, Fairchild made an address in support of the Rapp-Coudert Committee to investigate subversive activities in New York City schools. On February 17 the press carried the news that Fairchild had telegraphed Secretary of State Cordell Hull requesting issuance of a passport to permit him, like Willkie, to go to England and make his own personal survey of conditions there.

And all the time, of course, Fairchild has been vigorously promoting his back-to-the-church campaign. He has adopted the slogan "God Over All." He lists as members of his National Committee for Religious Recovery, or as supporting its work, public figures like James A. Farley, Senator James M. Mead, Senator Styles Bridges, Senator Arthur Capper, Wendell Willkie, Colonel Frank Knox, Donaldson Brown and others. It is worth mentioning that although Fairchild continues to make use of the names of these individuals, some of them have already resigned from his Committee, while others -- according to letters they have sent The Hour -- never gave permission for their names to be used in the first place.

Lambert Fairchild Alias Elmer Gantry

The Hour is in receipt of information which indicates that for a godly man, the private affairs of Lambert Fairchild are as incongruous as his political affiliations.

We have documentary evidence showing that the District Court records of St. Paul, Minnesota, contain a number of unsatisfied judgments against the present chairman of the National Committee for Religious Recovery. Among these judgments are the following: Wenzel Eitter vs. Lambert F. Fairchild, Amount of \$828.31, file #128699; Winslow Furniture and Carpet Co. vs. Lambert F. Fairchild, Amount of \$108.62, file #97611; Kate Marvin Harris vs. Lambert F. Fairchild, Amount of \$244.00, file #99050; Kahos & Bielenberg, Corp. vs. Lambert F. Fairchild, Amount of \$86.20, file #127819; John Palumbo vs. Lambert F. Fairchild, Amount of \$23.75, file #137892; Julius A. Haussner vs. Lambert F. Fairchild, Amount of \$391.47, file #138040.

The Hour is also informed that Lambert Fairchild's former wife, Mabel Fairchild, filed suit for divorce on the grounds that this promoter of religious movements had deserted her and their three children. The suit was filed in Minneapolis on February 1, 1927, and came up for trial on June 1 of the same year. Mrs. Fairchild was granted the divorce on the grounds of desertion and was given custody of the children.

According to Lambert Fairchild, his main purpose at present is "to stimulate regular church attendance and support" and to counteract "the Godless ideologies now disrupting the peace of the world and menacing the very foundation of our Republic." Can it be that his conscience is troubling him?

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GENEROSO POPE SUPPORTS FASCIST "RELIEF FUND"

On January 19 Generoso Pope's two Italian-language newspapers, Il Progresso Italo-American and Il Corriere d'America, published a letter from the National Association of Italian War Veterans, announcing the launching of a fund-raising campaign in the United States for the "Opere Assistenziali" in Italy. On the same day both papers ran editorials praising the "noble aims" of the fund drive. A few days later Pope himself wrote in a signed article that "The purpose of this campaign is to be found in a motive of high Christian charity and of human solidarity, going beyond political, racial or religious divisions."

On January 25 Il Grido della Stirpe, Domenico Trombetta's openly fascist and anti-Semitic Italian weekly, also published the letter from the organization of Italian war veterans and recommended assisting their campaign to collect funds.

Fascist Nature of Fund

The "Opere Assistenziali," which prominent contractor Pope and Fifth Columnist Trombetta advise Italian-Americans to support, is the welfare organization in Italy of the Fascist Party. Obviously, such an organization does not assist Italians irrespective of their "political, racial and religious divisions," despite Pope's claim that this is its function.

The real purpose of the fund, according to the anti-fascist Italian News Service of New York, is "to feed the exhausted finances of Fascism." The News Service remarks, "The very presence of one of the high officials of an Italian banking house goes to show that the whole thing has been set up to find some new sources of financing for Fascism. It should already be known that no private concern can send foreign currency to Italy, and that the only official purchaser of it is the Fascist government through its official agencies . . ."

The first list of subscribers to the fund was published in Pope's papers on February 2. Heading the list was the entire personnel of the Italian Embassy in Washington and the Italian Consulate General in New York City. Immediately following their names on the list was that of Generoso Pope. His contribution was \$500.00.

All the Fascist Italian groups and individuals are rallying around this campaign to assist the "Opere Assistenziali." Generoso Pope finds himself in very logical company.

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EDWARDS DISCUSSES THE HOUR

We are informed that at a meeting recently conducted by Louis D. Edwards, this New York newspaperman and organizer of fascist groups discussed in detail the various disclosures made by our newsletter concerning his activities (see The Hour for January 18 and 25).

Edwards read aloud The Hour article which revealed, among other facts, how he and Lambert Fairchild had addressed a gathering of Christian Fronters and Bundites at the German-American Bund hang-out in the Bronx. In our article we had remarked that, "The decorations in the meeting-hall

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... included photographs of Hitler youth, in which swastikas were prominently displayed; banners bearing German slogans; and, hanging on one wall, several dozen shovels painted jet black -- the sort that the German labor battalions carry on parade, instead of guns." After reading this section, Edwards indignantly claimed that American flags were the only form of decoration in the Bund club.

Plan to Visit Hour and Winchell

The editor and the editorial consultants of The Hour were damned by Edwards and his audience with zest and abandon. It was finally decided that a group of Edwards' followers should visit the offices of The Hour and "force the bulletin to retract its story."

A similar proposal at the meeting was to send a strong-arm delegation to Walter Winchell's office at the New York Daily Mirror. Winchell was labeled as "a real menace" -- which, coming from Edwards, is quite a compliment.

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DE ARYAN'S "DEFENSE"

C. Leon de Aryan, San Diego publisher whose Fifth Column activities have been periodically exposed in The Hour, devotes an editorial in the February 10 issue of his fascist Broom to attacking our newsletter and to defending himself against our exposés. According to him, he has always been motivated by the "purest" and most "patriotic" ideals. De Aryan explains that for this reason, and for none other, he has frequently been criticized:

"Because I am an apostle of peace and good will in America I have been subjected to all sorts of smear campaigns here in San Diego by those who do not realize that we must not import European hatreds and European methods of boycott and other brutalitarian tactics. ... Because I insist that in America we must retain our liberty to work, without having first to pay tribute to a Labor Union, I am being called a Nazi and a Fascist."

In discussing his Americanism, de Aryan does not explain why he likes to participate in attempts at strike-breaking; why he refers to union members as "parasites who play a racket under the pretext of improving the conditions of the wage earners"; why he promotes such anti-Semitic literature as The End of the Jewish Race; why he devotes so much space in his paper to publicizing "national heroes" like Joseph E. McWilliams; and why he boasts about his mysterious contacts in the U. S. Navy.

De Aryan, in his eagerness to show his patriotic sentiments, squeezes into his editorial a mild criticism of Adolf Hitler. He says: "Ever since Hitler came to power in Germany I have warned that we must not import European hatreds over here."

What de Aryan does not say is that only three months ago, his admiration for der Fuehrer was such that he wrote: "A.H. (after Hitler) the German is once again Master in his own house -- he no longer has to seek the Jew to obtain his promotion ... Germany preferred to get rid of this terrible pest."